

REMARKS

I. Introduction

The only claim in the case is claim 36.

II. Specification

The Examiner has objected to the amendment to the specification filed April 27, 2007 on the basis it introduces new matter into the disclosure. The added phrase "having a carboxylic content of 10.57% and acid number of 133.9 has now been deleted, thus rendering this ground of rejection moot.

III. Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 112, First Paragraph

Claim 36 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, for failing to comply with the written description requirement. The Examiner again contends that the text "said biodegradable oxidized cellulose ester having an acid number of at least 133" is not supported in the original specification. Applicant has now amended this phrase from claim 36, thus rendering this ground of rejection moot.

IV. Conclusion

As all of the grounds of rejection of record in the application have been rendered moot, it is believed the application is in condition for allowance. Allowance is therefore respectfully requested.

No fees or extensions of time are believed to be due in connection with this amendment; however, consider this a request for any extension inadvertently omitted, and charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 26-0084.

Reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wendy K. Marsh', is written over the printed name and firm name.

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